



House Select Committee on Homeland Security Democrats

JIM TURNER, Ranking Member

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NO COMMUNITY LEFT BEHIND

“We must pledge that when it comes to protecting the American people, no community is left behind.”

“Under our current system, we are spending an arbitrary amount of money per year, with no defined goals or and no benchmarks by which we can measure progress toward protecting our communities,” stated Congressman Jim Turner, Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security.

“142 members of the House have sponsored H.R. 3158, the PREPARE Act, to address the current problems facing our first responders. The PREPARE Act seeks to move our entire country toward reaching preparedness in a defined period of time.” Turner made his statement at a hearing of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response on first responder legislation.

“Just last week, Chairman Cox introduced H.R. 3266. It would base preparedness funding exclusively on a snapshot of the threat faced by the State or region applying for the grant. Since we do not know for sure where terrorists intend to attack, doesn’t it make sense to build our capabilities nationwide in light of threats and vulnerabilities we face, to protect all of our communities to the best of our ability?”

“Terrorism, by its very nature, is unpredictable and therefore we should seek to increase the preparedness of every community in America.”

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